A Message from the President

Dear partners and friends,

Words, numbers and photos cannot fully express the collective efforts that have gone into ALM’s global ministry during the past year.

This annual report provides just a snapshot of the work of staff and partners in 15 countries and the transformation of more than 300,000 people who have benefited from your generosity.

Each day, in all we do, ALM seeks to follow Christ’s example, providing miracles of healing around the world. Our holistic care of people suffering from disease, disability and despair includes medical treatment and training, Christian outreach, community development, education assistance, micro-credit loans and much more.

Your support makes this ministry possible. Our goal is to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, so please review the financial report. We want you to see the miracles of healing you’ve made possible, so please read the stories we’ve included from our six focus countries. And, please visit our new website to learn how you can continue to participate and support this global work to help people affected by leprosy and Buruli ulcer to be healed in body and spirit and restored to lives of dignity and hope.

Sincerely,

Bill Simmons
President
American Leprosy Missions is following Christ’s example, providing miracles of healing around the world.

Founded in 1906, American Leprosy Missions is the oldest and largest non-profit in the United States dedicated to restoring the lives of people affected by leprosy and Buruli ulcer worldwide. A non-denominational, Christian organization, ALM has provided holistic care to 4 million people around the world. Our staff includes award-winning doctors, renowned experts in leprosy and Buruli ulcer, and consultants to the World Health Organization. With your partnership, today we serve more than 300,000 people in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and South America.

Our Mission is to serve as a channel of Christ’s love to persons affected by leprosy and related conditions, helping them to be healed in body and spirit and restored to lives of dignity and hope.

Photo: Tom Bradley
The Context and Need

**Leprosy is still a major health problem.**
- Almost 250,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy every year.
- 3 to 4 million people have disabilities as a result of leprosy.

**Leprosy is a human rights issue.**
- Fear of leprosy is deeply rooted in folklore and religious belief.
- In many communities, leprosy leads to social rejection, mental suffering and denial of human rights.

**Leprosy both thrives in poverty and increases poverty.**
- Leprosy remains prevalent in the poorest areas of the world.
- Stigma and disabilities from leprosy limit economic opportunities.
- People affected by leprosy are one of the most vulnerable and impoverished groups in society.

**The suffering stops when:**
- Health professionals, community members, people affected by leprosy and local churches work together.
- Programs promote physical, spiritual and emotional health.
- People are empowered to identify the causes of their own problems.
- Communities create appropriate, sustainable solutions.
What We Do: Your Gifts at Work

Together we transform lives by providing holistic care to people affected by leprosy and Buruli ulcer.

**Head: Education & Job Assistance**
Your generosity restores hope and provides a path out of poverty by helping children and adults go to school, learn vocational skills and begin to discover their God-given potential.

**Hands: Prevention of Disability**
Leprosy numbs nerves, so when a minor scrape on the hand goes unnoticed, it can quickly become infected. You give children and their parents the training and simple tools to protect vulnerable skin from harm and prevent permanent disabilities.

**Belly: Community Development**
No fight against disease will succeed if a child or adult doesn’t have the necessary nutrition to stay strong. From helping people earn more income through small businesses to providing clean water and school lunches, you help keep bellies full.

**Eyes: Medical Treatment**
Over time, leprosy can cause cataracts and blindness. Your gifts protect precious eyesight, hands and feet, by stopping the disease early and repairing injuries.

**Mouth: Advocacy**
The stigma of leprosy and Buruli ulcer pushes victims – people who are often already poor and voiceless – out of their families and communities. We empower these vulnerable people and re-weave them into their communities, restoring their dignity and giving them a voice.

**Heart: Outreach**
Leprosy and Buruli ulcer can isolate even their youngest victims from their families. Children are comforted when you share the good news that our heavenly Father will always want them for His flock.

**Feet: Research**
The best ways to prevent crippling deformities to feet and other extremities are with a leprosy vaccine and a better diagnostic test that would enable health workers to quickly and accurately diagnose leprosy and provide faster treatment. Your generosity is helping us find better ways to diagnose and prevent this cruel disease.
Where We Work

ALM serves more than 300,000 people in 15 countries around the world.
## 2010 Global Program Support Portfolio

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**Global Situation**

- **Leprosy**: 244,796 new cases diagnosed in 2009
- **Buruli Ulcer**: 4,888 new cases in 2010
Focus: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Outcast to Entrepreneur

Mitano, age 55, had leprosy. His family abandoned him; they were too ashamed to be associated with someone with this disease. That is the tragic power of the stigma of leprosy. Rejected by those he loved, Mitano traveled 250 miles to a place where he could eke out an existence begging for food.

By this time, the poor, homeless man’s fingers and toes had been destroyed by leprosy. His eyesight was deteriorating, too. He says, “When I had leprosy, people abandoned me. Nobody wanted to shake my hands and share food with me. I was considered a non-human being.”

Fortunately, Mitano found a new family at an ALM-supported hospital program in Gemena. There he received multi-drug therapy which killed the leprosy bacteria. He also received special shoes to accommodate his badly deformed feet. With ALM’s help, he was able to build a small house and plant a vegetable garden. Soon, he was raising rabbits, chickens and ducks. When he applied for a small loan from ALM, we were happy to give it to him, because we knew he would be a good steward of these funds.

Recently, Mitano was able to invite some neighbors over to his humble home for a meal. To his immense joy, his invitation was accepted – and he shared the company of his community for the first time since he had leprosy.

“I have retrieved my real value as a true human being,” says Mitano.

Mitano will always need our help – the disease did serious damage before we were able to intervene. But because of our ministry, Mitano’s future can be fulfilling and blessed.

In the DRC, ALM ministers to more than 41,000 people affected by leprosy and Buruli ulcer.
Focus: Ghana

Training and Care Make a Lifesaving Difference

A boil on a young son’s chest wouldn’t normally receive much notice, but it set off alarm bells for Amos’ dad. “I saw a poster about Buruli ulcer,” he explains. “When I saw the swelling on Amos’ chest, I suspected Buruli ulcer because the poster said that’s how it begins.”

In the battle against this cruel flesh-eating disease, awareness and early detection are key. Thousands of people are affected by it every year - more than 70 percent of whom are kids under the age of 15.

Training doctors and parents to recognize the early signs of the disease is vital to curing Buruli ulcer. Your gifts help provide training - including educational materials like the poster Amos’ father saw - and also cover the costs of treatment.

Amos received surgery and care at a local hospital. He has a scar, and village children tease him about it. But his wound has healed completely and now he’s in perfect health.

“If I had not seen that poster, I would have thought it was just a boil,” his father says. “It likely would have spread across his abdomen. My son could have ended up bent over like the pictures on the posters.”

Amos could have faced a life of pain, disfigurement and social rejection. Instead, he is a healthy and happy young boy with a bright future ahead of him, just as God intended!

ALM serves more than 8,000 people like Amos in Ghana.
Focus: Ivory Coast

A Little Girl Cured, A Mother’s Burden Eased

Little four-year-old Prisca had a spot on her left knee. No one knew what it was, but her mom, Hélène, wasn’t worried. It didn’t seem to bother Prisca and she never complained. But then, the spot turned into an ugly, open wound. Her mother thought traditional African medicine might heal the angry sore, but it looked very serious. “My daughter’s leg was going to waste away because I didn’t know the medicine for this disease,” says Hélène. So, she took Prisca to the ALM-supported hospital in Taabo.

There this sweet, quiet little girl was diagnosed with Buruli ulcer. She receives wound dressings three times a week and antibiotics to kill the bacteria that causes the disease. But, because they waited to come to the hospital, Prisca may require surgery and skin grafts to repair the wound on her leg.

Long hospital stays and treatment are very expensive. And, to make the situation worse, Hélène has had to leave her job as a hair dresser to stay with her daughter at the hospital.

Thankfully, we are able to provide all of Prisca’s treatment and care for free, easing the burden on this mother.

“Since the beginning of her treatment, I am more than ever convinced that she will recover soon,” says Hélène happily. “These days, I can see she has started playing again like in the past. May her wound heal so she can go to school and I can return to my job.”

Today, through your partnership with ALM, a little African girl’s leg – and future – have been saved.

In the Ivory Coast, ALM ministers to more than 11,000 people affected by Buruli ulcer.
Focus: Myanmar

Feeding Children’s Bodies, Hearts and Minds

Food. Clean water. Education. Hope of Christ. Things many children in Myanmar do not have, especially those affected by leprosy.

ALM seeks to meet these urgent spiritual and physical needs for hundreds of families in villages throughout the country in partnership with local churches and the Myanmar Christian Leprosy Mission. We equip and empower the poorest and most marginalized people to transform their communities.

By training churches, ministries and Christian leaders, we help to restore lives and offer hope for the future, especially to the children. Our ministry:

- shares the love of Jesus through Bible studies, prayer and Sunday school
- improves nutrition for children by providing nursery and primary school lunches
- provides scholarships, tuition, fees, uniforms and supplies
- reduces poverty through vocational training and micro-credit loans
- supplies medical care, safe drinking water, electricity and secure housing

Poor nutrition is an all-too-common problem in these villages; hungry children can’t concentrate in school and are more likely to miss class due to sickness. But thanks to our ministry, more than 600 children in six villages are able to get one good meal a day. And, almost one thousand children are able to attend school. Praise be to God!

ALM serves more than 34,000 people affected by leprosy in Myanmar.
Focus: Nepal

Replacing Despair with Healing and Hope

Eleven-year-old Manjur stood on his tip toes to edge himself onto the plastic chair in front of the social worker at an ALM-supported hospital in Nepal. Manjur must have contracted leprosy early in his life; the number of scaly lesions covering his back means his case is severe. Without careful treatment, the disease could result in injuries that lead to permanent disability.

However, his family's crisis makes consistent care nearly impossible. Manjur’s father abandoned the family to remarry. Then Manjur, his little sister Sanjila, and their mother lost their home to flooding. This is a tragic yet common natural disaster for people living in rural Nepal.

The whole family’s lack of education makes their employment opportunities very limited. Right now they barely survive by begging on the streets.

The hospital staff has provided the children with some clothes and even shoes for Sanjila’s tiny bare feet. They are also trying to find them a safe place to live where they can stay together as a family.

Fortunately, Manjur is receiving the treatment and multi-drug therapy he needs - for free - which will stop the disease and prevent disability.

This small Nepalese family has experienced healing, and renewed hope, through the loving care provided through our ministry.

In Nepal, ALM ministers to more than 55,000 people like Manjur.
Focus: Philippines

Restoring Lives and Communities

Surrounded by lush greenery and rice paddies, Bicol Sanitarium stands apart – a community separated from neighbors not only by distance, but by years of stigma against people affected by leprosy.

Fifty-seven-year-old Lizalou was born in Bicol, a community that grew up around the local leprosy hospital. Both her parents had leprosy and she contracted it herself when she was 31 years old.

Leprosy has changed her life dramatically. Before leprosy, she was able to work outside the sanitarium and move around freely. But after leprosy she felt uncomfortable as she tried to hide the disease from friends.

Thankfully, Lizalou was able to receive the cure for leprosy at the ALM-supported Bicol hospital. Through your partnership, ALM also provides funding for Community Health Evangelism (CHE) in Bicol. The CHE program is run through local churches who train volunteers in community health and evangelism. As a CHE volunteer, Lizalou visits three local families every day. During her visitations she leads Bible studies and helps families understand how to prevent health issues like malnutrition, malaria and cholera.

Lizalou needed help, not just to be cured, but also to restore her self-confidence and trust in the Lord. She says, “I learned a lot from CHE. The things I learned I share with my family and neighbors... If I had not joined this program, I would be ignorant and not be able to restore my self confidence.” Lizalou adds, “I learned about salvation found in Jesus only and I learned how to pray.”

The Community Health Evangelism program has transformed Lizalou’s life and she, in turn, has become an agent of hope and healing in her community.

ALM serves more than 22,000 people like Lizalou in the Philippines.
Research: Finding Better Ways to Diagnose and Prevent Disease

American Leprosy Missions is a global leader in leprosy research, providing funding and expertise for multiple research projects around the world, including ones investigating nerve damage, stigma assessment and reduction, and the epidemiology of leprosy. Every year our technical staff contributes to dozens of peer-reviewed scientific articles.

In 2006, to mark our 100th anniversary, we made a renewed commitment to work towards the development of the world’s first leprosy vaccine and a new leprosy diagnostic test in partnership with the non-profit Infectious Disease Research Institute. As of 2010, we had invested more than $3.5 million in research and assembled a team of more than twenty experts. We are particularly excited about recent advances toward the development of a simple, diagnostic test that would enable health workers to quickly and accurately diagnose leprosy and provide faster treatment.
2010 Finances & Program Support

Revenue:
- Contributions $5,330,260
- Investments/Other income $213,697
- Legacies $1,085,579

Total $6,629,536

Expenses:
- Program Services $4,056,122
- Fundraising $1,806,956
- Mgmt/General $509,390

Total $6,372,468

Net Assets: $13,546,379

ALM is a member in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and the Better Business Bureau.
Partners

American Leprosy Missions partners with more than one hundred churches, faith-based organizations, NGOs, universities and government agencies. We collaborate on policy development, program coordination, Christian ministries, research, advocacy, technical training, community development and much more in order to holistically treat people affected by leprosy and Buruli ulcer.

Non-Governmental & Faith-Based Organizations
Association for the Reintegration of People Affected by Leprosy - Angola
ACCORD - USA
Beulah Land Services - Thailand
Bless China International
Christian Connections in International Health - USA
Christian Fellowship Community Health Centre - India
Damien Dutton Society - USA
HANDA Rehabilitation and Welfare Association - China
Handicap International
Health Foundation of Ghana
Institut Médical Evangélique/ Kimpese Hospital - DR Congo
International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement
International Leprosy Association
Cebu Leprosy, and Tuberculosis Research Foundation Incorporated - Philippines
The Leprosy Mission Canada
The Leprosy Mission Nepal
The Leprosy Mission Trust India
The Leprosy Mission Ireland
MAP International
MAP Cote d’Ivoire
MAP Ghana
Medhen Social Centre - Ethiopia
Médecins Sans Frontières

MICAH Network
Mission Aviation Fellowship
Myanmar Christian Leprosy Mission
Nepal Leprosy Fellowship
Nepal Leprosy Trust
Operation Equip India / Joni & Friends
Philippines Leprosy Mission, Inc.
Solidariedade Evangélica - Angola
Schieffelin Institute of Health - Research and Leprosy Centre - Karigiri, India
Swiss Alliance Mission
Vadala Leprosy and Community Health Unit - India
World Concern

International Federation of Anti-leprosy Association (ILEP) Partners
Association Française Raoul Follereau - France
Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau - Italy
Damien Foundation - Belgium
Fontilles Lucha contra la Lepra - Spain
Fondation Luxembourgeoise Raoul Follereau - Luxembourg
FAIRMED - Switzerland
German Leprosy Relief Association
LEPRA Health in Action - United Kingdom
Le Secours aux Lépreux - Canada
Netherlands Leprosy Relief - Netherlands
Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation - Japan
The Leprosy Mission International - United Kingdom
Government Entities
American Schools and Hospitals Abroad - USA
Department of Health - Philippines
Ministry of Health - Angola
Ministry of Health - Brazil
Ministry of Health - Guizhou Province, China
Ministry of Health - DR Congo
Ministry of Health - Ghana
Ministry of Health - India
Ministry of Health - Ivory Coast
Ministry of Health - Myanmar
Ministry of Health - Nepal

International Organizations
United Nations
World Health Organization

Universities & Research Institutes
Athena Institute, Free University, Amsterdam
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins
Emory University
Erasmus University - Netherlands
Infectious Disease Research Institute - USA
Institut Pasteur de Côte d’Ivoire
Leprosy Research Center, National Institute of Infectious Diseases - Japan
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
National Hansen’s Disease Programs - USA
The Royal Tropical Institute - Netherlands
University of Groningen - Netherlands
University of Pittsburgh

“Each year I give a complete cure as a birthday gift to myself.”
— Nancy, supporter from Virginia
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Notes

Term Limits:
A director may serve no more than nine consecutive years on the Board. However, an individual who has filled a single director vacancy is eligible, in addition, to be elected for his/her own three consecutive three-year terms. Following Board service of nine consecutive years (or nine consecutive years plus service in a director vacancy), a one-year mandatory rotation off the Board is required before an individual can be considered for re-election to the Board.

Compensation:
Directors and consultants to the Board of Directors of American Leprosy Missions receive no compensation for service.
“My family and I had the chance to see first hand the devastating effects of leprosy in the lives of young and old alike, but also the tremendous hope and healing for both individuals and communities that is being brought about by skilled and dedicated laborers in the name of Christ.”
- Steve, supporter from Oklahoma, ALM board member and participant in the Nepal Donor Vision Trip

“In a selfish and greedy world, you are doing something kind and with a purpose larger than we are - helping our brothers. Keep up the good work and God bless you!”
- James, supporter from Pennsylvania